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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Loving God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

The attention of our Nation is drawn toward a raging tragedy. We are torn by aversion to a repeat of years of military engagement while compelling narratives unfold in so many places around our world.

Send Your spirit among the Members of this people's House, that they might judiciously balance seemingly irreconcilable interests. Help them to execute their consciences and judgments with clarity and purity of heart, so that all might stand before You honestly and trust that You can bring forth righteous fruits from their labors.

On this anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy, may Your healing presence continue in the lives of all who were immediately impacted by the events of that day, and may we as a nation continue to heal and work toward bringing greater peace and security to our world.

Bless us this day and every day, and may all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 5 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### MARKING THE ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

(Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 13th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on our Nation.

Thirteen years ago, the Nation was reeling in anger and confusion. We were trying to process the enormity of the loss of life we had suffered from the brutal attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and from the downing of the American passenger plane in the field outside Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Thirteen years ago, we did not yet know the full extent of the losses we had suffered or the identities of those responsible or the story of the heroics on the United Flight 93 that in all likelihood saved this historic building from attack.

Thirteen years ago, at this hour, we could not know how these events would change our country and the world, but one thing we do know, even in the midst of all the anger, pain, and the confusion of that awful day, we know that the United States of America would respond with courage and resolve, that the American spirit would triumph, and it has, Mr. Speaker.

So today, let us remember those who died, over 700 from my own home State

of New Jersey and from many States and nations around the world. Let's remember those who have fought from that day and given their lives to protect our country over those past 13 years.

Let us renew our determination to honor forever all those whose memories remain a blessing to us and to the Nation we love so much.

### INTRODUCING THE SCAN CONTAINERS ABSOLUTELY NOW ACT

(Ms. HAHN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to remember the victims of September 11 and to introduce legislation to protect Americans from potential attacks against targets that I believe still remain vulnerable 13 years later.

Our airports are more secure, but I live near the Port of Los Angeles, and I know that our Nation's ports are not as secure as they should be.

Top security experts recommend that shipping containers entering our Nation's ports be screened for radiological and nuclear materials and other potentially dangerous cargo. If something happened to disrupt commerce at our ports, it would be catastrophic for our entire Nation and the global economy.

Congress passed laws requiring that 100 percent of all cargo be screened by 2012, but that deadline came and went, and we are nowhere near screening/scanning all our cargo. Only 3 percent of our cargo is screened today.

Today, I am introducing the Scan Containers Absolutely Now Act, the SCAN Act, to finally make port security a reality.

### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HULTGREN). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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